In case of RCF, ANP plant is being revamped. The technology is being changed from Prilling to Granulation. The plant is scheduled to resume production from third quarter of 2009. Also, Urea plant shall be started after the availability of RIL KG Basin gas. As per present indications this will be tentatively available from April 2009. SPIC/DIL are expected to resume the production after the availability of working capital . The respective private units are expected to take their own commercial decision for resumption of production.

New fertilizer plant at Namrup

28. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government declared for setting up of a new grassroot level fertilizer plant at Namrup in addition to the existing plants of BVFCL Namrup, in the year 2006;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the project;

(c) whether any budgetary support is sanctioned to the said project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) For optimal utilization of capacity of Brahamaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) plant at Namrup, the Government is exploring various options including possibility of setting up Fourth Plant in Namrup Fertilizer Complex of BVFCL based on modern technology. Decision in the matter is yet to be finalized.

Future of Fertilizer Units

29. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total Government subsidy provided on raw materials imported in the manufacture of fertilizers in the last three years; year-wise and product-wise;

(b) the annual Government subsidy given to fertilizer units in the Last three years, State-wise and year-wise, with particular reference to West Bengal;

(c) whether more than Rs.6000 crores dues have to be paid to various fertilizer units in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to West Bengal and by when these dues would be cleared by Government;

(e) whether any assessment has been made about the future of fertilizer units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The fertilizer subsidy is paid as difference between the normative delivered cost of subsidized fertilizers at farm gate level and the notified selling prices of these fertilizers to the manufacturers/ importers on sales of these fertilizers in various districts of the country. The fertilizer

subsidy is not directly given on the imported raw materials utilized for manufacture of fertilizers. However, since the cost of imported raw materials is included in the normative delivered cost of subsidized fertilizers, their prices do have a direct impact on the level of subsidy being paid on each fertilizer. Further, since the fertilizer subsidy is released to manufacturers/importers on sales of these fertilizers in various districts of the country, the same is not released State-wise. However, based on sales of subsidized fertilizers in various States of all over the country in the last three years, the approximate normative State-wise, year-wise subsidy released by the Government is as below:

Subsidy for Urea, DAP, MOP & Complexes State-wise

State/Union Territory	Total Subsidy (Urea, DAP, MOP & Complexes) -2008-09 (estimated) Rs. Crore	Total Subsidy (Urea, DAP, MOP & Complexes) - 2007-08 Rs. Crore	Total Subsidy (Urea, DAP, MOP & Complexes) - 2006-07 Rs. Crore
1	2	3	4
South Zone			
Andhra Pradesh	12534.58	4746.22	2921.85
Karnataka	7477.49	2733.68	1726.39
Kerala	1065.34	428.90	263.22
Tamil Nadu	5433.70	2105.11	1332.37
Pondicherry	143.98	54.37	46.39
Andaman & Nicobar	0.06	0.04	1.13
TOTAL	26655.75	10068.32	6293.36
West Zone			
Gujarat	7290.36	2780.17	1588.95
Madhya Pradesh	6135.62	2197.28	1341.47
Chhattisgarh	1874.80	815.64	534.61
Maharashtra	10595.90	3968.15	2498.01
Rajasthan	4271.63	1695.38	1117.98
Goa	26.12	7.66	6.26
Daman and Diu	0.12	0.10	0.19
Dadar and Nagar Haveli	1.10	0.53	1.03
TOTAL	30105.57	11464.91	7088.47
North Zone			
Haryana	6250.65	2230.72	1439.40
Punjab	7008.38	3108.50	2198.20

1	2	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	15730.73	6696.44	4583.35
Uttaranchal	531.26	269.46	170.46
Himachal Pradesh	177.46	86.51	53.57
Jammu & Kashmir	360.70	151.84	111.59
Delhi	0.78	0.55	0.98
Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.01
TOTAL	29069.95	12544.01	8557.56
East Zone			
Bihar	4620.19	2236.41	1368.62
Jharkhand	734.03	256.33	168.50
Orissa	2240.38	834.03	496.94
West Bengal	6251.19	2330.58	1496.32
TOTAL	13845.79	5667.38	3529.37
North-East Zone			
Assam	421.63	249.65	176.00
Tripura	21.40	13.99	12.89
Manipur	10.44	7.73	17.24
Meghalaya	5.92	2.33	4.64
Nagaland	0.28	0.05	0.04
Arunachal Pradesh	0.77	0.34	0.33
Mizoram	1.43	0.76	1.09
Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	461.77	274.84	211.23
NE States Total	28.12	21.03	0.00
Other TOTAL	54.60	25.54	0.00
All India (Net Subsidy -2008-09)	100211.46	40056.00	25680.00

NOTE: 1. Placed above are Broad Estimates of subsidy payout in various States based on consumption pattern of fertilizers

2. Total estimated Subsidy on SSP for 2008-09 is Rs 1262.95 Crore, which has not been distributed State-wise due to lack of availability of State-wise Sales data

The approximate subsidy released for sale of fertilizers in West Bengal in the last three years has been Rs. 1496.32 crore, Rs. 2330.58 crore and Rs. 6251.19 crore (estimated), for the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively as indicated in the table above.

(c) and (d) The release of subsidy to fertilizer units is a continuous process. Thus, at any point in time there are certain current subsidy dues which are under process for payment to various fertilizer units in the country. Further, subsidy is released based on claims submitted by various companies and do not relate directly to any particular State.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) In view of (e) above, the question does not arise.

Re-opening of Talcher

†30. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the closed units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCIL) located at Talcher in Orissa is likely to be operationalized in near future;

(b) if so, the concrete steps taken so far in this direction; and

(c) by when the production work would be restarted in the unit of FCIL located at Talcher?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Pursuant to decision taken by the Government on 12th April, 2007 to examine the feasibility of reviving the various closed units of FCIL and HFCL subject to the confirmed availability of gas, the techno-economic feasibility of revival of the various closed units was examined. It was found that except for the existing plant machinery, the basic infrastructure, *viz.* land, water, electricity, railway siding, silos etc. could be gainfully utilized for setting up of new brown field urea projects, subject to availability of natural gas. Keeping in view the above, the Government on 30.10.2008 approved constitution of an Empowered Committee of Secretaries to look into all financial models for revival of each of the closed units along with their other linkages including gas. The Government has also accorded in principle approval for considering write-off of Government of India loans and interest liabilities of FCIL and HFCL. However, final decision on the waiver will be taken when fully tied-up proposals are received by the Government. Pursuant to the Government's decisions, the Empowered Committee of Secretaries (ECOS) has been constituted and all options for revival of the various closed units including the Talcher unit of FCIL, are being examined by the ECOS. As regards the commencement of production in Talcher plant of FCIL, it is not feasible to indicate a time frame at this stage.

Selling of PDS wheat and rice in open market

31. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether during last three years, Rs. 31,585.98 crore worth of wheat and rice meant for PDS and during 2006 alone, Rs. 11336.98 crore worth of PDS foodgrains were sold into the market illegally;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.